

Amendment No. 1 to SB1259

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1259**

**House Bill No. 740\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1202, is amended by deleting the first sentence of the section and substituting instead the following:

The purpose of LEAP is to provide students in colleges of applied technology, community colleges, and, where applicable, high schools the opportunity to combine occupational training in a high-skill or high-need field with academic credit and to apply that combined work and academic experience towards acquiring a postsecondary credential.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1206, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Subject to appropriation by the general assembly in the annual appropriations act, the Tennessee higher education commission, in consultation with the board of regents, may award a grant to any college of applied technology or community college in this state that is located in a region where advanced training opportunities or a highly-skilled workforce is lacking. The funds from the grants must be used to establish and implement a LEAP under this part. The commission shall establish procedures for grant applications, eligibility and reporting requirements, and the maximum amount of any grant authorized by this section.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1208, is amended by deleting the language "department of economic and community development" wherever it appears in the section and substituting instead the language "Tennessee higher education commission".

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SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1210, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following language:

On or before January 15 of each year, the Tennessee higher education commission shall submit a report to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives detailing, for each LEAP established in this state, the academic credit attainment of participants and an overview of each program. The commission shall post the report on the commission's website.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-109, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) An LEA or state institution of higher education that coordinates work-based learning for students shall maintain insurance coverage for medical expenses incurred by, or on behalf of, a participating student as the result of an injury sustained by the student while the student was participating in work-based learning. A state institution of higher education may include the individual cost of such insurance coverage in the fees charged for the work-based learning course. If an employer elects to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage to a participating student pursuant to subdivision (a)(2), then the LEA or state institution of higher education shall maintain insurance coverage for medical expenses incurred by, or on behalf of, a participating student as the result of an injury sustained by the student while the student was participating in work-based learning that is not covered under the Workers' Compensation Law.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-901, is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Commission" means the Tennessee higher education commission;

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-901(4), is amended by deleting the word "department" and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-902, is amended by deleting the word "department" wherever it appears in subsections (f) and (g) and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-905 is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

To participate in a work-based learning program, an employer who accepts or employs a qualified work-based learning student must submit an application to the program operator on a form prescribed by the program operator, along with any supporting documentation required by the program operator. The program operator shall establish a formal process and deadline for receiving an employer's application. An employer that fails to submit an application by the program operator's established deadline shall not receive any grant allowed under this part.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-906, is amended by deleting the word "department" and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-907, is amended by deleting the word "department" and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-908, is amended by deleting the word "department" and substituting instead the word "commission".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-5-107, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) Is a student learner enrolled in a course of study, training program, or class provided by a recognized state or local educational authority or institution of higher education, or in a substantially similar course of study, training program, or class

conducted by a private school. The student learner must be enrolled in an approved work-based learning, apprenticeship, or similar school-work program.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.